High Resolution, High Contrast

Permanent Item Marking

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Presentation Topics

- Capability overview
- Example DPM applications
- TherMark[®] process overview
- Inspection of samples
- Hands on demonstrations

Presentation Outline



Capability Overview

UID - Universal Identifiers

DPM - Direct Part Marking

SIM – Serial Item Marking

Burr Tags with Barcodes

Long Term Tracking Solutions

Work-in-Process Tracking Solutions



Capability Overview

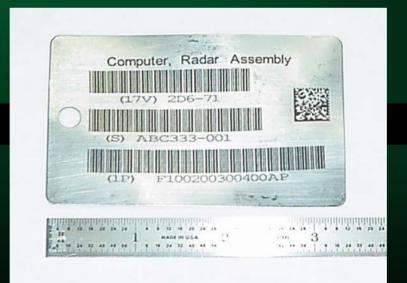
- High Resolution
- High Contrast
- Quick to Mark
- Permanent*

^{*} as permanent as the substrate material carrying the mark



Permanent UID Marking Nameplate

- MIL-STD-130L
- 2D is ISO/IEC 15418 & 15434 Compliant
- Stainless steel nameplate
- High resolution, high contrast

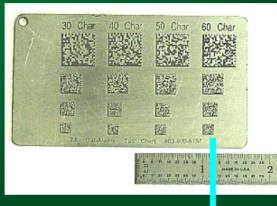


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IMI Test Grid, 304 Stainless, LMM 14

30, 40, 50, 60 ASCII characters



803-802-5757

60 ASCII in 3/16"
DataMatrix



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Permanent ID Marking Medical Instruments

- Stainless Steel
- Gold plated
- Micro-biological safe
- Sterilization cycle safe & durable



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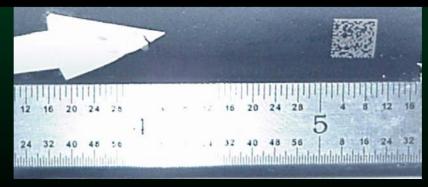
Permanent UID Marking Parkerized Coatings

- M-16 lower receiver
- UID reverse color marking
- Durable under field conditions
- High resolution, high contrast



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Permanent Burr Tags Tracking Work Orders

- Human readable word order information
- Code 3 of 9 tracking barcode
- Tested: 900° F, acids, solvents & shot peen
- High resolution, high contrast
- Read with current DoD barcode scanners



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Ceramic Tile AutoCAD Line Drawing



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What makes TherMark unique?

The patented* *TherMark*™ process is a:

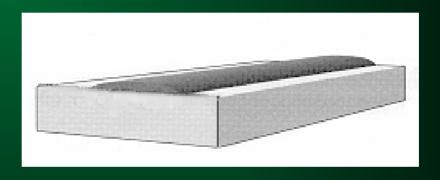
- 1. chemically based,
- 2. thermally activated,
- 3. low power laser printing technology which quickly produces
- permanent marks on many hard surface materials
- 5. without the normal surface damage associated with laser marking.

* USA patents 6,075,223 & 6,313,436; others pending in USA and internationally

Unique TherMark Technology



TherMark Laser Additive Bonding



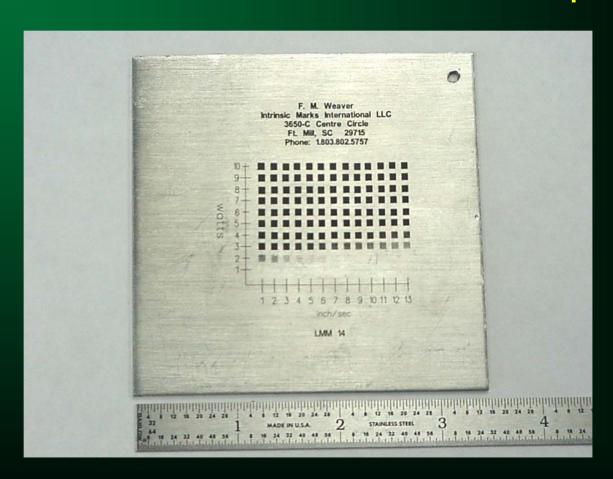
Overview

Laser Marking Material Bonded To The Surface



TherMark Process

Laser Power vs Laser Beam Speed



W vs. ips



TherMark Process

Coat surface with TherMark LMM*

Laser bonds pattern details

Remove excess LMM

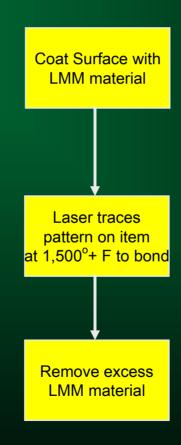
*Laser Marking Material

Simple as 1, 2, 3



TherMark Process

Laser Marking









Simple as 1, 2, 3



TherMark Advantages

- Excellent marking <u>resolution</u> (0.003")
- High contrast for easy reading (black)
- Fast marking speeds*
- Permanent direct item marks**
- * directly related to the substrate material being marked & laser power used
- ** as permanent as the substrate material carrying the mark
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TherMark Advantages

- Barcode marks read by standard equipment
- Substrate integrity (min. thermal stress)
- Cost effective markings (\$0.01 \$0.08 / sq in)
- Lowest life cycle cost per part (permanent!)

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Partial List of TherMark Materials Marked

Uncoated Materials

Aluminum

Brass

Copper

Stainless Steel

Titanium

Gold

Glass

Ceramics

Coated Materials

Anodized Aluminum

Nickel Plated

Chrome Plated

Parkerized coating

Materials marked by TherMark technology



Environmentally Safe

The TherMark proprietary laser marking materials are lead and cadmium-free* water based products which are environmentally friendly and easy to use, clean up and recycle excess.

Environmentally Safe

TherMark Marking Materials

* The ceramic red and yellow marking materials contain cadmium



More Examples of Marked Items

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Example TherMark Markings

Permanently
Mark Many
Types and
Shapes of
Parts





Example TherMark Markings

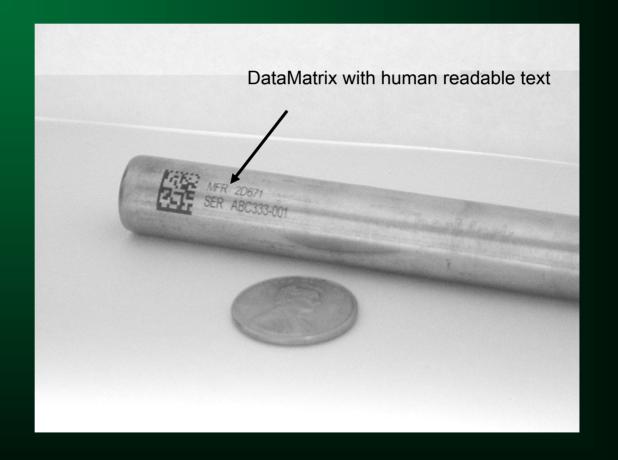
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Barcodes

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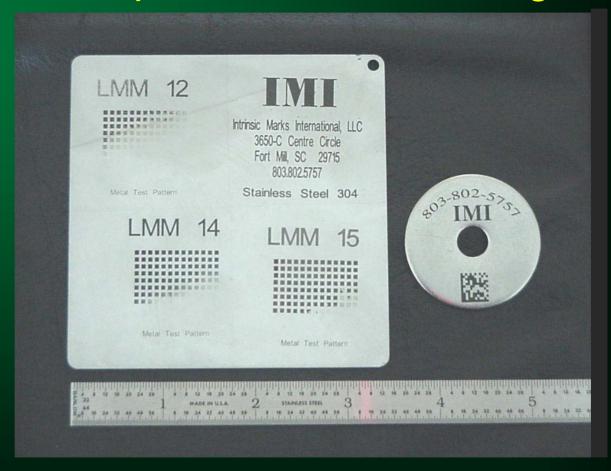
Readers





Sample
TherMark
Grids
& Washer

Example TherMark Markings



Power vs. Speed Grids Sample Stainless Washer



IMI-TherMark Burr Tag Tested for Durability

- Solvents Engine Part Cleaning
- Solvents Aircraft Part Cleaning
- Acid Solutions
- High temperature (900° F)
- Physical abuse (shot peen)

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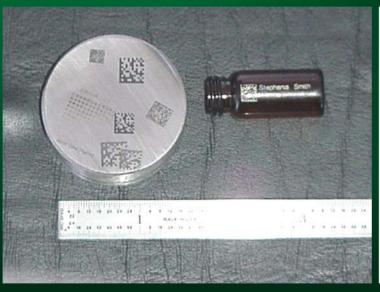
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Example TherMark Markings

Wide variety of substrates marked





Titanium Alloy, Glass Bottle and HDPC Plastic Markings



Marking Tool Options

IMI Laser Printing Systems

- Desktop Direct Part Marking Systems
- Mobile Direct Part Marking Systems
- Unattended Burr Tag Printing Systems
- Production Line Marking Systems
- Custom Direct Part Marking Systems

Tools to meet marking needs



IMI Laser Printing Systems Desktop Unit

Small Batch Burr Tag Printing System



IMI Laser Printing Systems Production Line Marking

Class IV
production
line
TherMark
laser



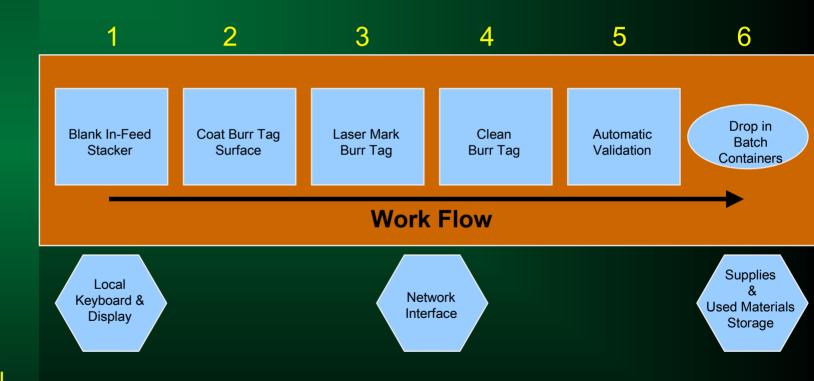
IMI Laser Printing Systems Automated Unit

Dimensions Console: 72" L x 32" W x 30" H Carousel: 36" L x 36" W x 24" H

Unattended
Burr Tag
Printing
System



IMI Laser Printing Systems Unattended Burr Tag Printing



Volume permanent printing tool for burr tag production



Summary

IMI-TherMark UID Direct Part Marking

- High Resolution
- High Contrast
- Very Durable
- Cost Effective per Mark
- Very Flexible Printing Content
- Desktop to Production Line Systems

Tools to meet marking needs



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Samples, Literature Demonstrations at IMI Display Table



Questions & Answers

Permanent Marking Solutions



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